



Senate Bill No. 1319

Public Act No. 05-98

**AN ACT REQUIRING PARTICIPANTS IN HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS
OFFERED BY THE CONNECTICUT TEACHERS' RETIREMENT
SYSTEM TO BE MEDICARE PART A PARTICIPANTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-183t of the general statutes, as amended by section 11 of public act 03-232, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

(a) The retirement board shall offer one or more health benefit plans to: [any] Any member receiving retirement benefits or a disability allowance from the system; [, to] the spouse or surviving spouse of such member, and [to] a disabled dependent of such member if there is no spouse or surviving spouse, provided such member, spouse, [or] surviving spouse, or disabled dependent is [eligible for] participating in Medicare Part A hospital insurance. The board may offer one or more basic plans, the cost of which to any such member, [to the] spouse, [or] surviving spouse [of such member and to a] or disabled dependent [of such member if there is no spouse or surviving spouse,] shall be one-third of the basic plan's premium equivalent, and one or more optional plans, provided such member, spouse, surviving spouse, or disabled dependent shall pay one-third of the basic plan's premium equivalent plus the difference in cost between any such basic

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plans and any such optional plans. The board shall designate those plans which are basic and those plans which are optional for the purpose of determining such cost and the amount to be charged or withheld from benefit payments for such plans. The surviving spouse of a member, or a disabled dependent of a member if there is no surviving spouse, shall not be ineligible for participation in any such plan solely because such surviving spouse or [such] disabled dependent is not receiving benefits from the system. With respect to any person participating in any such plan, the state shall appropriate to the board one-third of the cost of such basic plan or plans, or one-third of the cost of the rate in effect during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, whichever is greater.

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